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He who is not emotional regarding culture,
sure ruins himself and nation's future.
Protect holy cow, say Vedas.
Then where lay obstacles to protect cows?
Wake up Indians, to follow your culture!
Asks mother cow where are my protectors?

- Swami Ramswarup

Vedas say that cow is the first creation amongst living beings

God has very beautifully described about process of creation in ***Mandal* 10, *Sukta* 129 of Rigveda:**

"NASADAASEENNO SADAASEETTADAANEEM ASEEDRAJO NO VYOMA PARO YAT,
KIMAVAREEVAHA KUH KASYA SHARMANNAMBHAHA KIMASEEDGAHANAM GABHEERAM"
(Rigveda *Mantra* 10/129/1)

(TADAANEEM) before the creation, when there was period of final destruction (ASAT) emptiness [zero] (NA) not (AASEET) exist i.e., it was the period of final destruction, therefore all the prakriti made matters of the world like sun, water, living beings, bodies etc., were destroyed but here the *Ved Mantra* states that it was not so that there was nothing. Did emptiness exist there? No, situation of emptiness was not there.

(SAT) visible matters (NA) not (AASEET) was i.e., during that time there were no visible matters present i.e., neither emptiness nor visible matters were there during the time of final destruction. (RAJAHA) space (NA) not (AASEET) was there i.e., the space, sky, etc. matters were not there.

(PARAHA VYOM) geographical space i.e., sky (Uu) also (NA) did not exist i.e., the space geographically enveloping the earth was not also there. (KIM) what/how (AVAREEVAHA) covering matter to cover any matter could be there i.e., such cover was also not there.

For example: A soul will be visible when God provides him body. Body is like a cover - such cover was also not there.

(KUH) where (KASYA) whose (SHARMAN) to give pleasure i.e., then where and for what there could be any place to get pleasure? (GAHANAM) deep (GABHEER) effective for all concerned (AMBHA) water (KIM) how (AASEET) did exist? That is then how could deep and effective water exist there? Which means that water also was not there. 'Effective water' means that all living beings need water to survive and even to grow crops, etc. Therefore water affects all living beings.

"NA MRITYURASEEDAMRITAM NA TARHI NA RATRYA AHNA ASEETPRAKETAHA,
AANEEDVAATAM SVADHYA TADEKAM TASMADDHANYANNA PARAHA KIM CHANAASA."
(*Rigveda Mantra* 10/129/2)

(MRITYUHU) death (NA) not (AASEET) exist i.e., during that period of final destruction, death did not exist. (TARHI) therefore at that time (AMRITAM) salvation (NA) not i.e., salvation was also not there.

Idea is that when death was not there. It means birth was not there and therefore human beings were neither taking births nor dying then who would try to get knowledge and from where to get salvation? Therefore, salvation was also not there. (RATRYAHA) night (AHNAHA) day (PRAKETAHA) knowledge (NA) not (AASEET) exist. The knowledge of day and night, like the previous creation which was subjected to final destruction, was not there. (TAT) then (EKAM) one matter alone (AVAATAM) did not require air to survive. (SWADHYA) existed independently (AANEET) alive matter did exist. At that time, when there was nothing, then an alive matter who did not require air or food to survive, did exist independently and he was Almighty God alone.

Again *Mantra* states:

(TASMAAT) apart from Him (ANYAT) no other (KIM-CHANA) nothing (PARAHA NA AASA) was there.

Idea: Apart from Almighty God, there was nothing. The idea of next *Mantra* 3 is (ABHOO AASEET) that there was invisible, non-alive prakriti named "ABHOO" from which non-alive universe was created. God (TAT MAHINA) from the prakriti made Mahat Tatva i.e., mind and then the process of whole creation began.

The above view is also echoed by writing of learned Matterlic in his book "The Great Secret". He states- "Let us once give ear to *Rigveda*, the most authentic echo of the most immortal traditions, let us note how it appreciates the formidable problem.

"There was neither Being nor non-being. There was neither atmosphere nor heavens above the atmosphere. What moved, and whither? And in whose care? Were there waters and the bottomless deep?

"There was then neither death nor immortality. The day was not divided from the night. Only one breathed in Himself without extraneous breath and apart from Him, there was nothing.

"There for the first time desire awoke within Him, this was the first seed of the spirit. The sages, full of understanding, striving within their hearts, discovered in non-being the link with Being. (*Rigveda* 10.129.1, 2, 4)

It is a basic principle that knowledge is attained when the same is given by somebody. Based on the said eternal law, the knowledge of four *Vedas* emanates direct from God and is originated in the heart of four *Rishis*, as stated in ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/81/1, 2** That is why, Rishi Patanjali quoted his experience regarding the same vide **Yog Shastra *Sukta* 1/26** stating "SAHA EESHEY POORVE SHAM API GURUHU KALENANVACHCHEDAT" (SAHA EESHAHA) the God (API) is also (GURUHU) Guru (POORVESHAM) of our ancient *Rishis* because the God (KALENANVACHCHEDAT) is always free from the binding of death. So when all public including *Rishi, Munis,*

Gurus, etc., are dead at the time of final destruction of previous universe then, only Almighty, and immortal God remains. Who at the time of another creation gives the knowledge of four *Vedas* to the *Rishis*, as quoted in *Rigveda Mantra* above?

Thereafter, the *Rishis* preach others and traditionally the knowledge of *Vedas* is being received till today by acharyas, who are learned of *Vedas*. Thus, the *Rishis* obtained the knowledge and they wrote *Upnishads, shastras, smritis*, etc., totally based on true *Vedic* knowledge.

So it must be cleared that if Almighty God had not given us the knowledge of *Vedas* wherein all matters of science, deeds and worship have been briefed then we would have been ignorant like the wild mountainous tribes thriving in dense jungles and would have been uncivilised. No one could be a learned *Rishi*, gentleman, scientist, family holder, artist, educated persons etc., as all the said knowledge has been taken from the *Vedas*. Similarly no one could write *Upnishads Shastras,* Mahabharat, Valmiki Ramayan and other holy books.

So based on the above eternal theory of attaining the knowledge, the *Upanishads* were written by the *Rishis*. Rishi Aiteeryo in his Aiteeryopnishad based on the above knowledge of *Yajurveda Mantra* and *Rigveda* Mandal 10, *Sukta* 129 writes about the first creation of holy cow as under: –

Aiteeryopnishad *Shloka* 1/1 –
"ATMA VA IDMEK EVAGRA AASEENNANYATKINCHAN MISHAT SA EEKSHAT LOKANNU SRIJA ITI."

(ATMA VAI) the Lord of universe, Almighty God (AASEET) was (AGRE) present first alone. i.e., Almighty God was present alone before the creation, which was to be created after the final destruction of previous universe.

(NA) no (ANYAT) other (KINCHAN) anything (MISHAT) souls having bodies i.e., there was nothing not even souls having bodies except Almighty God [though, here it should be noted that souls without bodies and prakriti in its original form, when it does not create universe like sun, moon, air etc., get

shelter within God. Both souls and prakriti, in this form, are invisible and are in the minutest form i.e., even smallest than a minute atom.]

(SAHA) the God (EEKSHAT) thought [though God has no mind and never thinks but symbolically it is said, He thought to create. That is why, the word 'EEKSHANN' has been used by Rishi Aiteeryo.]

(NU) sure (SRIJAYEE) to create (LOKAN) *Lokas* i.e., earth, space, celestial bodies emitting light, living bodies etc (ITI) He thought like this (Rishi has written similar views as are of *Rig-veda Mandal* 10, *Sukta* 129, *Mantra* 1.)

Let us consider the word 'EEKSHAT'. As said in ***YajurVeda Mantra* 40/8** God is formless, so He has no senses, perceptions and mind and therefore, cannot think. However, being Almighty, He does all His divine deeds of the universe without body, senses, and perceptions and mind, etc.

Then Upanishad states that the God created sun, celestial bodies emitting light, earth, space etc. Then again God thought that who will take care of my creation in the form of *Lokas*? Then He created three *Lokas*.

Then after creating food grains, forests, water etc., and as stated in *Shloka* 1/4 the God created cow first as under:
Fire, air, sun, directions, vegetation, moon, death and water i.e., eight *Lokpals* were created. Here, symbolically, in *Shloka* 1/2/1 the eight *Lokpals* said to the God to create the residence where they could live. Then the Almighty God first of all created holy cow, then horse and then the body of human-beings.

Shloka 1/2/2 and 3 state- (TABHYAHA) for the eight *Lokpals* (AANYAT) made and brought (GAAM) cow (ASHWAM) horses and (PURUSHAM AANYAT) made and brought.

Idea: God made and brought first cow, then horse and thereafter human-beings. Though the human body is stated as the best creation of God wherein above eight matters live yet the cow is first creation of God and will ever remain first creation,

after final destruction, in every new creation. Secondly, cow is a requirement of all human-beings to live upon. In the beginning of creation when there were no parents etc., then non-sexual, young creation is made vide *Sukta* 129 of *Rigveda* mandal 10 and other *Ved Mantras* . So, all human-beings would require food to survive which was first created in the form of cow's milk, curd etc. In this connection, *Samveda Mantra* clearly states in symbolic manner:-

"AHMASMI PRATHAMAJA RITASYA POORVA DEVEBHYO AMRITASYA NAAM, YO MA DADAATI SA IDEVMAAVDA-HAMANNAMANNAMDANTMADMI."
(*Samveda Mantra* 594)

Food in the form of grains, milk etc., states: (AHAM) I (ASMI) am (PRATHAMAJA) created first i.e., before living –beings, etc. To survive, human beings first require food. The eternal process is seen when milk is donated in every living being's female body by God, thereafter the babies take birth. Cow being like our mother, has been entrusted the duty to feed the babies, in case insufficient milk is available from mother, or on her ~~on~~ Owen mother's death, etc.

The ambrosial milk of cow cannot be compared to any kind of milk of the world. So even thinking to slaughter the mother cow and to take beef, makes a learned person shocked and perturbed.

As already discussed, the process of creation is eternal. In several *Suktas* of ***Rigveda Mandal* 10**, the eternal process of creation, nursing and destruction has been mentioned. In ***Sukta* 72, *Mantra* 2** states: (ASATAHA) i.e., from invisible, non-alive *prakriti* (Sat) visible universe (AJAYAT) is originated i.e., at a stipulated time, the power of Almighty God acts in non-alive *prakriti* and all the matters of entire universe like sun, moon, bodies of human-beings etc., are created. ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 20/91/4** states that the process of creation, nursing, destruction and again creation is eternal. After creating directions, earth (Prithvi lok), space (Antariksh lok), and heavenly bodies emitting light (Dyulok), clouds, dawn (early morning time) etc., the bodies of living beings are created in

which souls are to be entered according to their pious deeds and sins. ***YajurVeda Mantra* 31/6 & 8** further state that then forests, lions, milching cows, horses, donkeys, goats, sheep etc., were originated.

"TASMAT ASHWA AJAYANT YE KE CHOBHYADATAHA, GAAVO HA JAJJIRE TASMATTASMAT JATAHA AJAVAYAHA."
(*Yajurveda Mantra* 31/8)

(TASMAT) from the God (ASHWAHA) horses and (YE KE CHA) whatever donkeys etc., and (UBHYADATAHA) animals bearing teeth on upper and lower jaw (AJAYANT) originated.

Idea: By the power of Almighty God which acts in non-alive *prakriti* all the above stated animals originated in non-sexual creation.

(TASMAT) from the God (GAAVAHA) cows (HA) also (JAJJIRE) originated (TASMAT) from the God (AJAVAYAHA) goats and sheep (JATAHA) originated.

Hence, God created animals related to horse's race, animals bearing teeth over upper as well as lower jaws and cows, goats, sheep etc. (***Rigveda Mantra* 10/90/10** also refers) based on these *Ved Mantras*, *Rishi* of Aiteeryopnishad has given a beautiful description about creation emphasising on holy cow also. He states that in the creation, God first of all made pious cow.

In second *Khand*, the *Rishi* states that after creating all senses, perceptions, mind and all matters like fire, air, sun, directions, vegetation, moon, water etc., God first of all created the body of pious cow, then horse and thereafter the body of human-being. So, amongst the living beings, the first creation of God is pious cow as if God, the father of living beings, creates the pious cow to provide the children with the ambrosial milk of cow.

"TASMAT YAJJAT SARVAHUTA RICHAHA SAMANI JAJ-JIRE
CHCHANDANGSI JAJJIRE TASMAT YAJUSTASMADA-JAYAT."
(*Yajurveda Mantra* 31/7)

(TASMAT) from God (YAJJAT) who is adorable (SARVAHUTAHA) who is acceptable by all for worship (RICHAHA) *Rigveda* (SAMANI) *Samveda* (JAJJIRE) originate i.e., emanate (TASMAT) from God (CHCHANDANGSI) *AtharvaVeda* (JAJJIRE) emanates (TASMAT) from the God (YAJUHU) *Yajurveda* (AJAYAT) is produced i.e., emanates.

At the beginning of the creation, knowledge of four *Vedas* emanates direct from God which is included in the process of creation. ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/109/1,2** also states that the said knowledge of the *Vedas* emanates direct from God and is originated in the heart of four *Rishis* in non-sexual creation.

Vedas have three kinds of education:

i. Science i.e., description of all matters of universe, including cow;
ii. Deeds i.e., description of pious deeds as well as sins, moral duties etc. As regards pious deeds, *Vedas* also say to serve the cow and
iii. Real worship of God.

Now, it is a problem of present times that most of the people and saints are not studying *Vedas*. As a result, the real description, qualities and moral duties towards the animals, birds and human-beings which are entrusted by God Himself are not known.

Without knowing *Vedas*, it is not possible to know about the real qualities of any matter of the world. So is the case in respect of our pious cow. In the absence of knowledge of real qualities of cow mentioned in *Vedas*, people do not pay respect to cow and do not get full benefit thereof. Similar conclusion may also be drawn in case of aged persons and parents who are also not been provided with respect, protection and care as mentioned in *Vedas*. It shall not be out of place to

mention that to obey preach of *Vedas* is called pious deed, otherwise it is a sin.

The idea of ***Rigveda Mantras* 1/69/2 & 3** is that the learned of *Vedas* gives the knowledge to human-beings. This knowledge gives long, happy life and even salvation. The *Mantra* further states that cow's milk is equivalent to divine pleasure of making contact with the learned Acharya of *Vedas*. The milk of cow also gives the similar pleasure as is given by the divine knowledge of *Vedas* blessed by the learned Acharya.

Actually as stated above the description of all matters right from straw to Brahma is only completely given in *Vedas* which emanate direct from God. Accordingly, *Vedas* also tell about animals, birds, sun, moon, tree etc. So in the absence of study of *Vedas*, full description, qualities and benefits of pious cow cannot be known. After Mahabharat war, when the study of *Vedas* along with its knowledge declined then the worship against the *Vedas* started. Protection of cow and Brahmins (who knows *Vedas*) was given a severe blow. As a result slaughter of the cow, which is the first creation amongst living-beings, and consumption of beef, which are grave sins, began.

In this connection, Manu Bhagwan in **Manusmriti *Shloka* 2/13** states:-

"ARTHKAAMESHVASAKTANAAM DHARMAJYANAM VIDHEEYATE,
DHARMAM JIGYANSAMAANAANAAM PRAMAANNAM PARAMAM SHRUTIHI"

Meaning: Those who get indulged in illusion i.e., worldly affairs only, they are not able to know about the eternal religion. (One must know that) for the aspirant who follows the eternal religion, eternal knowledge of *Vedas* is self-proof. *Vedas* are not a sect. Not only for Indians but it is a moral duty of whole world to know the qualities of the cow from *Vedas* so as to protect, and serve cows to get pleasure and long, happy, disease-free life.

India was awarded with two main titles- **'Vishwa Guru'** (spiritual guide of the world) and **'Sone ki Chidiya'** (Golden Bird). If we go deep into ancient times by studying ancient scriptures, it will be revealed that above quoted titles were achieved by India on the basis of her eternal knowledge of *Vedas*.

The country is well known for her rich culture and heritage. The base of Indian culture is formed by four *Vedas*. It has been the tendency of the outsiders that: "If you want to destroy the nation then destroy its culture and the nation shall perish away at its own accord." To destroy India along with her culture, Aurangzeb in this process, destroyed *Vedic* culture preserved in Takshila and Nalanda universities where students from all parts of the world came to gain education.

Even Aurangzeb was a better enemy than the black sheeps like Jaychand in India. He caused harm to us directly, face to face and destroyed our culture but what to say about those black sheeps who pretend to be ours but always try to backstab us to ruin the Indian culture.

On this my soul cries with pain saying:
"You say about others
but I am hurt/punished by ours.
What to say about thorns,
I am hurt by flowers."

Even an illiterate person living in villages/remote areas acknowledges the cow as mother which is the proof of their pure blood which has imbibed eternal culture whereas educated traitors and black sheep have failed to maintain their blood purity indulging them into sins.

I here remember a discussion that took place about twenty five years ago between my spiritual *Guru* and a person while we were travelling in a bus.

Some person told my *Guruji* that he has read several books and has come to a conclusion that there is no God. My *Guruji* simply answered, Oh! Man why have you read such books

pertaining to atheism? So I would say here, why the people have taken such education which ruins the Indian culture? It would have been better to have remained illiterate and hence could have avoided to indulge in such said grave sin.

India has remained slave of Mughals for eight hundred years and of British for two hundred years. During this period most of our ancient culture was purposely destroyed. Several learned persons of non-Indian origin have also commented on *Vedas* but due to lack of knowledge of Sanskrit and Hindi or may be intentionally, they produced mostly false meanings as well as ideas of *Ved Mantras*.

Until now, several agencies have been trying to destroy eternal culture of India including *Vedas*, Valmiki Ramayan, and Mahabharat etc. It is to be noted that Indian old and new saints are being praised in foreign countries. But our eternal culture which is universally applicable to whole of universe, i.e., four *Vedas*, are not being praised now.

What is the reason that Swami Dayanand Saraswati or any other learned of *Vedas* is not being respected/praised by the people with vested interests? Answer is clear that all our saints including Swami Vivekanand, Swami Ramteertha, etc., praised the outside culture more than Indian culture whereas Swami Dayanand praised only the eternal knowledge of four *Vedas* which emanates direct from God. While few agencies have been helping Mr. D. N. Jha to destroy our culture and insult our reverence for cows. Whereas foreigners and other agencies could have objected to Mr. D. N. Jha's false views against mother cow, it has not happened.

Vedas are not sects and are always universally applicable to the entire mankind but the fact is not known even to Indians except in rare cases, then what to talk about foreigners. However in past, until Mahabharat war, whole world knew about the said fact of four *Vedas*. It is also very well known by the world that - 'Society makes man perfect'. I mean to say that why Mr. D. N. Jha has written against the immortal voice of Almighty God i.e., four *Vedas* stating that '*Vedas* do not prohibit eating beef'? Naturally, he might have lived in foreign countries and made enough contact with outsiders with the

result that effect of such society percolated in his blood. Otherwise how can Indian blood go against eternal Indian culture?

Pious Indian land of *Rishi-Munis*, Sri Ram, *Sri* Krishna and many other holy saints i.e., to say a number of great dignitaries have been taking birth on Indian soil to listen to *Vedas*, perform holy *Yajyen* and to protect the Brahmins (Vedic scholars), cows, and to serve the human-beings and thus to make the nation strong. Until Mahabharat war, just one monarch ruled the entire earth. After Mahabharat war, the study of *Vedas* etc., declined. As a result, the worship against the *Vedas* started and thus the unity of human-beings was shattered. It resulted in division of the earth into small parts and now several countries have come into existence. This situation has arisen due to decline in knowledge of *Vedas*. The study of holy books written by ancient *Rishis*, example- *Shathpath Brahmin Granth, Nirukta, Nighantu, Ashtadhyaee, Mahabhashya, Varnnochcharann Shiksha* also declined. Hence, foreigners as well as Indians have started writing books on *Vedas* giving their own meaning which is totally against the essence of*Vedas* ' philosophy. For example- Saayannacharya has written a wrong meaning of ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 1, *kand* 9, *Sukta* 4** that in a *Yajyen* bull must be sacrificed and the pieces of his flesh must be distributed amongst the devotees in *Yajyen*. How a learned can even think about such a false meaning inspiring violence? When ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 6/140/1** states:

"YAU VYAGHRAVAVROODHAU JIGHATSATAHA PITRAM MATRAM CHA.
TAU DANTAU BRAHAMANNASPATE SHIVAU KRINNU JAATVEDAHA."
(*Atharvaveda Mantra* 6/140/1)

The *Devta* (subject matter) of this *Mantra* is "Brihaspati, Danta".

Meaning: (YAU) the teeth (VYAGHRAU) like the teeth of wolf (AVROODHAU) have been generated (PITRAM MATRAM CHA JIGHATSATAHA) wants to kill mother and father i.e., wants to

take flesh. So Oh! (JAATVEDAHA) omnipresent God (BRAHAMANNASPATE) lord of knowledge of *Vedas* may (TAU DANTAU) those teeth (SHIVAU KRINNU) be beneficial for us so that we may not be non-vegetarian.

The meaning of *Shivau* is auspicious, friendly, beneficial. Deep consideration of the *Mantra* would reveal that our teeth will only be beneficial/friendly to others when we will not be even think about inflicting violence to others. That is why, *Mantras* states that teeth should not consume flesh, it being sin. Manusmriti also states that without inflicting violence on others, meat cannot be taken. So one must always avoid non-vegetarian food.

Manusmriti *Shloka* 2/177 states (VARJET MADHU MAANSAM PRANNINAAM HINSANUM) i.e., non-vegetarian food, addictions, intoxication and violence to all living beings is strictly prohibited.

Oh! God my teeth which are like the teeth of wolf **should not** take non-vegetarian food. The idea of the *Mantra* is this that our teeth of upper jaw and lower jaw should never take non-vegetarian food like a wolf. It reveals that God has made difference between human-beings and animals.

So the real meaning of ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 9/4/1** quoted above is this that the bull should be nursed well so that it may be able to generate new generation of calves resulting in increase of yield of milk and its availability to every household. The meaning of said *Mantra* is as under:-
Devta of the *Sukta* is "Rishabhaha". So meaning of Rishabhaha is bull.

In the *Mantra*, there is no sign of violence or distribution of flesh to devotees as told by Sayannacharya.

Aiteryopnishad describes that when the creation had not yet begun, only God was present. God's power began to work in stipulated time in Prakriti to create universe. This God's so called desire is called *Ikshann*.

God's power created entire universe including sun, moon, water, earth, etc. Then He created all *Lokas* and it has been symbolically told in the Upanishad that "Viraat Purush" was made out of five matters (*Panch Mahabhoot*). From the *Viraat Purush* were created fire, air, sun, direction, vegetation, moon, death and water (eight *Lokpals*). There are basic eight matters (eight *Devtas*) for sustenance of life on earth.

With personification, *Rishi* narrates in Upanishad that to create a residence for these eight *Lokpals,* God created the cow first. Then the horse and thirdly, the body of human-beings.

This story makes us aware of the fact that cow was created by God even before creating human-body. Hence body of cow is purest, most pious, deserves to be served and most respectable as proved by the process of creation itself.

Glory of Cow as praised in Vedas

All four *Vedas* say about the glory and benefit of cow and her ambrosial milk.

***Yajurveda Mantra* 28/6** states "SUDUGHE MATARA MAHEE DHENU" these words have been used in praise of cow. (MATARA) equivalent to mother (MAHEE DHENU) great, milch cows (SUDUGHE) capable to fulfil all our desires. That is, "Milch cows are equivalent to our mothers who give us birth. Cow-mother is capable to fulfil all our desires. Question arises as to how? Answer is very clear that *Vedas* are divine, eternal knowledge which emanate direct from God and when God Himself states that cow fulfils all pious desires then it is automatically true. However, God states in several *Mantras* of all four *Vedas* that faith and services towards cow fulfils desires. So we should protect, serve, respect and rear the cows well. *Mantra* further adds in praise of cow (NA USHE) 'NA' here means equivalent to, 'Ushe' means dawn, early morning i.e., early morning just like milching cows, bestows happiness on us or we can say that milching cows in the same manner as early morning/dawn are a source of happiness for us.

God, by comparing cow to *Ved Mantras*, early morning/dawn etc., in *Vedas*, has conferred the highest place/status to cow in the world, which we have forgotten ignorantly and are thus immersed in the sea of sorrows and sufferings.

***Rigveda Mantra* 1/48/5** states dawn to be an aggregation/ source of happiness, easily acquired, a means of putting an end to darkness-illusion/ignorance of night, that which gives happiness to patients and is comparable to taking gradual steps towards her definite path, making the birds to fly happily, and waking up people and inspiring them to worship God and do practice of *Ashtang Yoga*.

At many places in ***Mandal* 1 of *Rigveda***, dawn has been stated to instil zeal and enthusiasm within people and capable of filling them with happiness, joy and pleasure through pious deeds. Dawn makes cows and other animals and all matters visible to the world and inspires to speak sweetly.

***Rigveda Mantra* 1/48/8** states dawn to be the means to drive away thieves, dacoits etc.

Now, as already discussed above ***Yajurveda Mantra* 28/6** compares early morning period to sacred cow hence it is quite evident that all the divine qualities of dawn/early morning are also equivalent to the divine qualities of cow. Therefore, those who rear the cow, like milkman who get up early in the morning to give fodder, water to the cow and milch the cows, remove their cow dung etc., which are pious deeds according to *Vedas*. This early awakening of people bestows long, happy life on them. Even Yogis consume the beneficial milk of the cow to do hard practice of *Ashtang Yoga*.

In this *Sukta* of *Rigveda*, it is mentioned that time of dawn referred to as "Braham-mahoorta" is useful to do practice of *Ashtang Yoga* so as to realise God. Similarly, the view of cow and consumption of her milk is most beneficial for practising *Ashtang Yoga* and performing *Yajyen* for ultimate realisation of God. Also the house where cows are reared, then due to the pious affect of such rearing as well as due to the sound made by thumping of the feet of cow, no thief /dacoit dares to enter such house. This was the main reason why no theft took place in old times in houses where cows were reared. God in ***YajurVeda Mantra* 28/6** has compared cow to dawn/the early morning and on this basis really the qualities of cow are comparable to those of dawn. All four *Vedas* eulogise the supreme qualities of cow. Due to the fear of elaboration of text, all *Mantras* cannot be given here.

Just as females of the household inspect one grain of rice and come to know whether entire pot of rice is prepared or not similarly by explaining/knowing few *Ved Mantras*, just like divine *Vedas* which emanates direct from God and are beneficial for humanity, innumerable qualities of cow can be estimated by considering few *Ved Mantras* given above.

Hence, I would try to reveal the hidden qualities of cow-mother in above stated *Mantras*. Please refer to ***Rigveda Mantra* 1/48/5.**

Cow-mother is a source of happiness for living beings. Idea is that man harbours desires and accordingly when his pious desires get fulfilled then he liberates himself from sorrows and attains happiness. When a person wakes up in early morning/dawn and indulges in pious religious deeds then surely he attains happiness.

God inspires in *Vedas* to wake up in dawn and do pious deeds like giving fodder and water to cow, to see the sacred cow etc. Cow awards the result of such pious deeds by giving us ambrosial milk. Further services rendered to cow lead to fulfilment of pious desires, achievement of long life full of happiness. These profits were reaped by ancient king, subjects and *Rishis* in earlier *Yugas*. This is a fundamental rule given in *Vedas* which has been forgotten by Indians in the present time and this has immersed the nation in a sea of sufferings and sorrows.

Our culture gives various examples in this regard where *Sri* Krishna *Maharaj* became popular as 'Gopal' and attained the status of "Yogeshwar" after serving cows throughout his life. Sri Krishna *Maharaj* was a great personality who had realised God. He could have led a luxurious, comfortable life after taking birth in a rich family. But this is the main difference between bound and liberated soul. Liberated souls puts into practice three educations given in *Vedas* - Knowledge, deeds and worship and set themselves as an example for rest of the unhappy people who are bound by deeds.

Liberated souls try to establish the eternal Vedic tradition. This was the reason why in *Van Parv* of Mahabharata, Yaksha asked Yudhishthir- *"Kaha Panthaha"*. What is that path of life which leads to happiness? Yudhishthir answered, at present (i.e., when the question was put forth, about 5,300 years ago, there is no scope of argument i.e., to establish truth according to *Vedas*, there is no scope to enter into arguments, etc. Further Yudhishthir stated - "MAHAJANAHA YEN GATAHA SAH PANTHAHA", i.e., in the absence of arguments, we should choose a path which is already being adopted by great personalities. Since this statement relates to Mahabharat period

of about 5,300 years ago, hence, the great personalities referred above are none else than *Rishis* and *Raj-Rishis* who were philosophers of *Vedas*, strictly religious, exercising control over their senses, perceptions, mind, true speakers, unbiased, etc.

Idea behind is that number of great personalities like *Sri* Krishna *Maharaj*, *Sri* Ram, *Guru* Vasishth etc., adopted the path of *Vedas* and by adopting the path of *Vedas*, they inspired the humanity to do pious deeds. These pious deeds include service to cow, her protection and consumption of her ambrosial milk. ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/87/17** relates to punishing the culprits by taking away their right to drink cow's milk for one, two or more years. If after birth, infant is kept away from mother's milk, then it would lead to his critical condition. On similar lines, in*Vedas* it is a grave punishment to keep someone away from cow's milk because then the person shall become a patient, his life span would decrease and he would also become unfortunate by being kept away from the service of cow. Further, mother gives us milk maximum for two years after the birth but cow mother provides us ambrosial milk till the time of death and satisfies us completely.

In earlier times people made their fortune by serving the cow mother but today the service to cow has been abandoned by people to the extent of exhibiting hatred towards her urine and cow dung.

It is pertinent to mention here that in *Viraat Parv* of Mahabharat, it is written that on smelling the urine of a particular breed of cow, even a barren woman obtains pregnancy. We may even consider the example of King Janak who achieved the pious result of donating large number of cows when cows increased in population in his kingdom. Donation of cow carries special importance in *Vedas*. Such donation leads to making one's own future bright and happy along with that of family and nation. Brihadarannyakopnishad narrates a true story where King Janak donated thousands of cows with horns coated with gold to Brahmarishi Yagyavalkya. Ironically, political leaders and administrators today are sitting with their

eyes closed and are allowing grave, heinous sins like slaughter of sacred cow to take place on the soil of their nation.

Hence, we need to be aware of importance of cow and cow's milk by listening to *Vedas* from a learned *Acharya* to liberate ourselves as well as family and nation from sins and to make our future bright and happy. Our ancient culture places the cow at highest pedestal. *Vedas* along with great holy *granths* like Mahabharat written by Vyas Muniji, Valmiki Ramayan, Shatpath Brahmin are living example to this fact.

Wherein ancient times, our country was known for her wealth of cows, land, elephants, horses and possessing abundance of ghee and milk, today there is scarcity of all wealths and the plight of humanity is evident to everyone.

According to *Vedas*, wealth of cow is supreme amongst all wealths. In fact, service and protection of cow wealth leads to generation of all other wealths. It is quite unfortunate that plight of cows, slaughter of cows, insult of cows and considering the cows as a mere commercial commodity is a sinful atmosphere created today in India that has undoubtedly led to fulfilment of selfish motives, resorting to violence and shamelessly insulting the eternal religion in present scenario. Otherwise, cow mother who has been eulogised in *Vedas* and worshipped in *Upanishads* and *shastras*, has been subjected to such plight in this country. This cannot be the work of the religious people. Bheeshma Pitamaha himself confers the title of "Brave hero/champion" to the person who serves the cow.

He who hits the cow with leg is admonished to miseries and sorrows for as many years as the number of hair present in cow's body. Then what to talk of sin of slaughtering the cow and consumption of beef? Hence, we should protect ourselves from the heinous, grave sin like slaughter of cow.

If a person is aware enough not to break the moral /religious rules more than constitutional rules in vogue then definitely peace and happiness would prosper on this earth.

Divine voice of *Vedas* has emanated directly from God and to conduct oneself according to *Vedas* is the personal religion or

utmost duty of human-beings. Please see the eternal knowledge of *Vedas*.

"SAM STRAVANTU PASHVAHA SAM ASWAHA SAM PURUSHAHA"
(*Atharvaveda Mantra* 2/26/3)

The idea of above *Atharvaveda Mantra* 2/26/3 is that Almighty God inspires all human beings along with cows, horses etc., to live together in congenial atmosphere. This would lead to prosperity and increase of wealth, peace and happiness on earth.

"SAM SICHAMI GAVAAM KSHEERAM SAMAAJYENA BALAM RASAM,
SAMSIKTA ASMAAKAM VEERA DHRUVA GAAVO MAYI GOPATAU"
***(Atharvaveda Mantra* 2/26/4)**

Devta of this *Mantra* is "PASHAVAHA". Pashavaha means animals. The meaning of the *Mantra* is:

I (SAM SICHAMI) extract (KSHEERAM) milk of (GAVAAM) cow and take it. I then (SAM) get (BALAM) strength in the body and (RASAM) sweetness in the voice (AJYENA) by using the ghee of cow (ASMAAKAM) our (VEERAHA) children also (SAMSIKTAHA) take milk and ghee of cow (MAYI GOPATAU) I am protector of cows. So, (GAVAHA) cows (DHRUVAHA) permanently live with me.

Meaning: I extract milk of cow and consume the same. I then get strength in the body and sweetness in the voice by using ghee of cow. Our children also take milk and ghee of cow. I am protector of cows. So, cows permanently live with me.

Idea: God in this *Mantra* preaches and inspires the human-beings to protect and rear the cows, to take her milk and ghee which makes the body strong and gives sweetness to voice.

Mantra gives the beautiful knowledge that human beings should strive to work for protection of cows and consume cow's milk and ghee to provide essential minerals and vitamins to their bodies and thus increase one's physical strength and intelligence and to become brave and strong. Also the same benefit is given to children. So, how Almighty God can allow anyone to consume beef? Definitely He punishes the defaulters.

Just imagine that how important is cow as mentioned in *Vedas* that *Rigveda Mantra* 10/172/1 states that (VANASA SAHA) Oh! Newly wedded wife, you're like a dawn/early morning who gives pleasure (AA YAHI) we acquire you (YAT) when (GAAVAHA) cows of home (SANCHATE) fulfil (VARTANIM) pot i.e., bucket (UDBHIHI) from body part i.e., udder full of milk i.e., by extracting milk.

Meaning: Oh! Newly wedded wife you're like a dawn/early morning, who gives pleasure, we acquire you when cows of home fulfil pots i.e., buckets from udder of cow full of milk by extracting milk from same.

Idea: *Mantra* states after the marriage is performed the bride when enters the home then she should first have view of milch cows. In the ancient times, this order of the God was being adhered to, but unfortunately due to lack of knowledge of *Vedas*, people after Mahabharat war are not rearing the cows. So more and more people must rear and protect the cows to fulfil order of God and to make the nation strong.

It seems that in present times, due to decline in the consumption of cow's milk, there has been consequent decline in strength and intelligence of people. Tulsi states in his Ramayan about Sri Ram that he was "SHRUTI PATH PALAK" and Valmikiji calls Sri Ram as "VEDAJYEN". Both the terms connote the same meaning. We shall observe that Sri Ram sincerely adopted the path of *Vedas* and protected as well as served Brahmins (Vedic scholars), cows, parents, elders etc., throughout his life.

To describe all the qualities of sacred cow is not only a difficult but a kind of impossible task. The reason being that Almighty

God Himself eulogises the divine qualities of cow in *Vedas* and as stated in *Yajurveda Mantra*- "NA JATAAHA NA JANISHYATE" i.e., no one is or shall be born who can be equal or more to such Almighty God.

Hence, whatever has been stated by God in *Vedas* regarding each and every matter, creation and article, no one is capable to say equivalent to that. Hence, as regards the qualities of cow-mother described by God in *Vedas*, no one is capable to describe equal to or more than those described by God.

Therefore I respectfully bow before this first creation of God amongst living beings and pray to seek the blessings of God as well as sacred cow mother and according to my capability I begin to describe few more qualities of pious cow:-

(1) **"TVE AGNE SWAHUT PRIYAASHA SANTU SURYAHA YANTARRO YE MAGHVANNO JANAANAAMOORVAM DYANT GONAAM"**
(Samveda mantra 38)

(AGNE) Oh! God (JANAANAM YANTARAHA SANTU) there must be a leader of the public i.e., king/preacher and he should (DAYANTA) protect (GONAAM) cows.

But nowadays, it is sad that mostly our Government, President, Prime-Minister and leaders, due to lack of eternal knowledge of *Vedas*, do not protect the cows and cow slaughter is still continuing. Such slaughter, as stated in *Vedas*, is a grave sin.

(JANAANAAM YANTARAHA) the leaders of human-beings must be there and they must (DAYANTA) protect (URVAM) the herd (GONAAM) of cows.

In this *Mantra* God orders the political leaders, administrators as well as learned to be the protectors/saviours of cow as well as devotees of God. Political leaders should pay special attention to this teaching. So the elements that insult or physically harm the cow must be arrested and punished.

(2) In **Samveda *Mantras* 60, 76, 99 and 122** it is said that those who worship God and give offerings in pious fire of *havan/Yajyen* they achieve good fortune, best and pious intellect, good progeny and cows, animals etc. At present, due to decline in the performance of *havan,* attainment of several blessings like cow-wealth has decreased to large extent. So according to *Vedas* God has granted Luck in our own hands i.e., pious deeds make our good fortune and sins create bad luck.

(3) In **Samveda *Mantras* 146 and 160** human-beings pray to God that Oh! God may our voices/prayers reach you from all sides just as milching cows roam about in forests during day time, but in the evening they reach to their loving calves. Hence, *Vedas* equate divine voice of *Vedas* to sacred, pious cow-wealth or we may say that cow-mother is as sacred, pure and pious as divine voice of *Vedas*. It is most essential that each human-being adopts in his life the deep knowledge given in this *Ved Mantra*.

(4) *YajurVeda*- first chapter, first *Mantra* contains the prayer. "**ASMIN GOPATAU BEHVEEHA DHRUVAHA SYAT**" i.e., those religious persons who desire for protection of the earth and the owners of cow may have number of cows giving them happiness and joy. The *Mantra* also inspires the human-beings to protect the animals so that they themselves remain secure. *Mantra* says animals should never be killed. Thus, the *Mantra* furnishes proof that killing of animals is a sin and irreligious act. The protection of animals leads to availability of food grains in abundance.

If the cows and other animals are destroyed then King along with his subjects gets destroyed. Because the protection of animals especially cows leads to increase in production of ghee, milk, nutritive products like cheese, curd etc., and the consumption of cheese, milk etc., shall in turn decrease the dependence on food grains. Due to fewer intakes of food grains, there shall be considerable decline in generation of germs/microbes through excreta (urine and stools) of human beings, which in turn shall lead to decrease in diseases and long life shall be attained.

At present, due to lack of protection of cows and commission of heinous crimes like slaughter of cows, the entire earth is engulfed with serious diseases and human-beings are facing critical problems related to shortage of food-grains like malnutrition, famines, etc. Hence, providing protection to animals especially cow is the utmost moral duty of human-beings which is an act of benevolence to humanity. Also, the slaughtering of cows is a grievous sin and irreligious act.

(5) **"TVAMEESHISHEY PASHUNAAM PAARTHIVAANAAM YE JAATAA UTA VAA YE JANITRAHA.**
MEMAM PRANNO HASEENMO APANO MEMAM MITRA VADHISHURMO AMITRAHAA"
(*Atharvaveda Mantra* 2/28/3)

This *Mantra* of *Atharvaveda* states that God is the owner/lord of all the animals including cow present on the earth. Hence, according to this *Mantra*, no one should slaughter or commit violence towards this cow-wealth and other animals belonging to God.

(6) **"AA HARAAMI GAVAAM KSHEERAMAAHAARSHAM DHAYAM RASAM.**
AAHRITAA ASMAAKAM VEERA AA PATNIRIDMASTAKAM"
(*Atharvaveda Mantra* 2/26/5)

This *Mantra* relates to protection of animals including cow. *Mantra* states all human-beings should always protect the cows. Presently, number of schemes are being framed at world's level to increase the brotherhood, unity and maintenance of peace, etc. Ironically there is a steady increase of serious problems related to unity and brotherhood posing serious threat to world peace. *Rishi* of Chchandogyaupnishad states that service of sacred cow leads to attainment of knowledge of *Vedas*.

Chchandogyaupnishad (fourth *prapathak*) narrates a story that Satyakaam son of Jabala, went to his Acharya Haridrumat (of Gautam *Gotra*) with the desire to attain knowledge of

Vedas. He said, "Oh! Acharya kindly accept me as your disciple, give me *deeksha*, I shall stay with you while observing celibacy".

Acharya performed *Upnayan Sanskar* of Satyakaam and then gave him four-hundred weak, feeble cows to take care of them. While rearing cows Satyakaam told his Acharya that until the population of these cows' increases to thousand, I shall not come back. He reared and sincerely served the cows for years together and reached back to his Acharya. Hence, it is important to reckon that *Rishis* accept service to cow as the means to attain salvation. Service to cows made Satyakaam realise the fact that all the directions where he took the cows were pervaded with God, hence, he was enlightened. If with open mind we analyse ancient Indian culture comprising of *Vedas*, Mahabharata epic, Valmiki Ramayan, Tulsi krit Ramayan, *Shastras*, Shatpath Brahmin etc., then we shall reach at the same conclusion.

(7) ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 3/14/2** (ARYAMA VAHA SANSRIJATU) i.e., daily consumption of cow's milk enable us to control senses, perceptions and mind. (POOSHA SAM) i.e., Cow's milk gives us nourishment. (BRIHASPATIHI SAM) learned of *Vedas* always associates with you that is why, he becomes learned by rearing you and consuming your milk. (YAHA INDRAHA DHANANJAYAHA SAM) learned person who is the controller of his senses, perceptions and mind victorious over wealth i.e., a wealthy person associates with you. Actually Oh! Cow, your association makes them healthy, wealthy and wise. (YAT VASU) whatever wealth is necessary for me (MAYEE PUSHYATE) make it available for me i.e., the services rendered to cow and consumption of her milk provide us with all wealth necessary for us to survive.

Idea of the ***AtharvaVeda Mantra* 3/14/2** is that services rendered to the cow in the shape of rearing, loving, respecting her and consumption of her milk, enable us to control our senses, perceptions and mind successfully, provide us with required nourishment and makes us wealthy.

(8) ***AtharvaVeda Mantra* 4/21/5**

DEVTA of this *Mantra* is "GAAVAHA" (Cow). In *Vedas*, *DEVTA* means the subject of the *Mantra*.

(GAAVAHA BHAGAHA) Cows are wealth and symbol of good fortune for human-beings. Therefore, (INDRAHA) God (GAAVAHA ICHCHAT) grant cows to me. (GAAVAHA) The milk obtained from cow (BHAKSHAHA) is a food of (SOMASYA) som (PRATHAMASYA) is the main offerings of *Yajyen* i.e., the offerings [AAHUTI/SAMIGRI] is prepared by mixing the cow milk therein and ghee made of cow's milk is also offered in *Yajyen* burning fire in *havankund*. *Mantra* further states (JANAASAHA) men/women (YA) whatever (IMA) these (GAAVAHA) cows are (SAHA EV) these are Indra i.e., like God.

Idea: Everywhere *Vedas* state that the aspirants when rear the cow and consume her ambrosial milk and then start study of *Vedas*, *'naam jaap'* and hard practice of *'Ashtang Yoga'*, then they realise God, even *AtharvaVeda Mantra* 4/11/7 states that aspirant becomes "RUPENN INDRA" i.e., equivalent to God.

So aspirants realises the God and becomes equivalent to God by taking milk of cow. So aspirant prays that by consuming the cow's milk, I (HRIDA) by heart (MANSA CHIT) and firmly with mind (ICHCHAMI) I desire (INDRAM) Almighty God.

Idea of the *Mantra* is cows are the wealth of human-beings. Its ghee and milk is used in *Yajyen* to offer aahuti.

Conclusion of the above Mantras

Vedas tell that cow is symbol of wealth, health, prosperity and good fortune. Consumption of its ambrosial milk enables the man to generate good qualities within him and control his senses, perceptions and mind. Also, by taking her milk, aspirants start study of *Vedas*, practise *Ashtang Yoga* and realise God to become not the God but equivalent to God.

Cow dung as well as urine of cow keeps us away from number of diseases. Its bull is animal of burden, employed in agriculture suited to Indian environment.

In several *Ved Mantras* the body of human-being has been compared to a tree. For example, ***Rigveda Mantra* 1/164/20** states that there are two birds who live on a tree i.e., in a human body God as well as soul reside therein. Similarly, in this ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 1/2/3** the human body has been stated as a tree. *Mantra* states (YAT) when (GAAVAHA) the milk of cow (PARISHASVAJANAHA) embraces (VRIKSHAM) this tree i.e., if the human body is fed by cow's milk then the rest of *Mantra* states that anger, sensuality and other kinds of faults get removed.

Now, if we deeply consider that why God symbolically states the human body as a tree then we will find that tree never takes non-vegetarian food. Similarly, human body is made like a tree which is not meant to take non-vegetarian food i.e., why in *AtharvaVeda Mantra* 6/140/1 it is prayed that Oh! God my teeth like the teeth of wolf may not take flesh.

Distinction between Vegetarian and Non-vegetarian beings

Those who say that non-vegetarian food gives more strength to body must see the most powerful animal - elephant, who takes grass and vegetarian food only. Human beings must not make his stomach a graveyard by taking non-vegetarian food. Our intestines and digestive system of human-beings have been made by God to digest only vegetarian food whereas digestive system of carnivorous animals like lion, tiger, cat etc., is suitable to digest non-vegetarian food.

Vegetarian human-beings and other living-beings take water by sipping whereas non-vegetarian animals by licking. Non-vegetarian animals like lion, tiger, python, crocodile etc., may live for several days without meal after taking flesh whereas human-beings and other vegetarian living-beings have to take meals daily.

Even elephant that eats large quantity of grass daily, has to take food frequently.

So there are number of differences between vegetarian and non-vegetarian beings made by God Himself which we should accept respectfully.

God strictly prohibits non-vegetarian food

In the *Rigveda Mantra* 10/27/6 God states "SHRITPAAN" those who suck the blood of others and consume their flesh (DARSHAM) I am looking at them/ know them (VA) and (DHRISHU SAKHAYAM) I also see /know those who are God- believers/God-fearing and thus struggle against the consumers of flesh and blood (YE NINILUHU) thus they do not praise me but are thankless persons. So (PAVYAHA VAVRITYUHU) my wrath/anger would fall (Uu Nu) definitely and immediately (ESHU) on them.

Idea of this *Mantra is* God being Omnipresent and Almighty, sees/knows very well those who are consumers of flesh and blood and soon He punishes them badly. So human-beings should not have non-vegetarian food.

Hence, millions of benefits have been mentioned in *Vedas* about the holy cow. Then think what punishment is awarded by God in *Vedas* for those who insult or slaughter the cow.

I quote here one punishment amongst several:

PUNISHMENT

Manusmriti declares the following persons as killer of animals vide ***Shloka* 5/51**- The *Shloka* enumerates them: (ANUMANTA) He who orders to slaughter the cow, (VISHITA) he who cuts the flesh into pieces (NIHANTA) butcher (KRAVIKRAYEE) buyer and seller of flesh of animals (SANSKARTA) who cooks the meat (UPHARTA) who serves (CHA) and (KHADKAHA) who eats.

AtharvaVeda Mantra 1/16/4:
(YADI) If you (HANSI) kill (NAHA) our (GAAM) cows or (ASHWAM) horses or (YADIPOORUSHAM) or if you kill any innocent person (TAM) then (TVA) you (SEESEN) by the bullet of glass (VIDHYAAMAH) must be killed.

Here it is to be noted that God awards same punishment of death sentence to the killer of cow, horses, as given to the killer of a human being. So God makes no difference between the killer of cow, horse and a man/woman. It means that cow is equivalent to man but a man is not equivalent to cow. However, cow is equivalent to a *Rishi*. Mahabharat epic states cow is equivalent to *Rishi*.

Our kings, for example, Manu Bhagwan who was the first monarch of the earth in Satyug then king Yayati, Ashtak, Sagar, Daleep, Bharat, Shantanu, Harishchandra, Janak, Dashrath, Sri Ram, Sri Krishna Maharaj, Five Pandavas and each king along with his subjects considered and fulfilled the responsibility of rearing and protecting animals especially cows more than the responsibility of rearing and protecting their own families.

It is pertinent to mention here that kings and subjects of those times loved animals especially cows, loved vegetation, agriculture and greeneries and in turn animals including cows also loved those kings and subjects. As a result of this mutual love, respect and understanding there was infusion of purity, gentleness/ tenderness in the hearts of human-beings and the entire atmosphere was blessed with the virtues of brotherhood, love amongst human-beings. Noble people were more in number than devils or evil-minded people. Therefore after studying the ancient culture, people should not hesitate to reach at the conclusion that if at present human-welfare, human peace and human religion is to be established on earth substantially, in reality, justly, truly and behaviourally then according to orders of *Vedas*-Shastras and *Rishis* entire world shall have to immediately stop slaughter of animals especially cow and make efficient arrangements for their rearing, protection and showering of love on them as was arranged /managed by ancient kings.

Vedas contain many *Mantras* where it has been proved that the most supreme deed i.e., *Yajyen* is equated to cow-wealth for the happiness of mankind.

Hence, we should recognize cows as pure, full of divine qualities and most adorable like the divine voice of *Vedas*.

It is a matter of great sorrow that our political leadership, administration are least concerned about the sorry plight of cows. Only for the sake of vote bank and lust for money they evade implementation of strict rules and regulations prohibiting slaughter of cows.

Cow has been eulogised by God Himself in *Vedas*, then is it not the stark transgression of the orders of God and insult of God not to obey Him by not protecting the cow. In such critical condition of non-observance of God's order will God ever accept any other worship or prayer?

Rishi of present and ancient times are the philosopher and scholars of all knowledge. Hence, they have not only eulogised/ praised the cow in *Upanishads* and *Shastras* with their glorious, knowledgeable and divine voice. *Rishis* also reared, and loved cows and consumed her ambrosial milk which helps to study *Vedas*, to perform holy *Yajyen* and to do hard practice of *Ashtang Yoga*. The said process made the public to follow the true, eternal path and to maintain the character. Such divine qualities are present in the milk of adorable cow.

There is a true narration in Mahabharat that once Chyavan Rishi was taking bath in river and suddenly he was caught in the net of fishermen. Fishermen got scared by the incident and pleaded for his forgiveness. Chyavan Rishi replied that they should not worry and asked them to bring the king before him, to enable the *Rishi* to give compensation to the fishermen in lieu of himself. Chyavan Rishi was determined that he had become the property of fishermen in their net (like a fish) so king should pay requisite compensation to the fishermen.

It is a long story which concludes that at last after discussing the matters with *Rishis*, king came to know that value of a learned *Rishi* who is philosopher of *Vedas* and *Ashtang Yoga* and who has realized God like Chyavan Rishi is equivalent to a cow.

In the above story, Chyavan *Rishi* states in 13th chapter of *Anushasan Parv* of Mahabharat epic to King Nahush:

(1) No wealth is more supreme than the wealth of cow in the entire world.
(2) To eulogise the divine qualities of cow, to listen about the same, donation of cows and to have a view of cows, are the deeds praised in *shastras*.
(3) The consumption of cow's milk removes physical defects.
(4) Cows are the means to achieve glory and fame. There is not even a trace of sins associated with cows. Cows are the source to provide food grains to human-beings.
(5) Cows carry pure ambrosia. When milked they give ambrosial milk compared to divine nectar. The whole world bows before them.
(6) Where ever the herd of cows sits freely, they increase the beauty/ glory of that place and with their inhalation and exhalation (breathing) they remove all the defects of that area.

So our nation should realise this eternal fact that cow is not an ordinary animal. On one hand, she is like our mother and on the other she is equivalent to adorable *Rishi*. *Vedas* tell that a *Rishi* is adored by king and public then why is that cows are not worshipped by king, president, Prime ministers, MPs, MLAs and Ministers and all Indian public? Here India must be awakened about the eternal truth of *Vedas* in the matter of holy Cow.

Rejoinder to the book "The Myth of the Holy Cow"

I remember that long ago in Jammu at my disciple's residence (owners of brick kiln) I entered into a spiritual discussion (*Shastrarth*) with a lady who was a renowned saint of that area and believed in the unauthentic theory that soul himself is *Brahma*. Anyhow, the outcome of the discussion was that she could not prove her belief before the authentic knowledge of *Vedas* and had to give up her claim. When I left, she, to cover her ignorance, stated that though this person is a *sadhu* yet he does not know that he is actually *Brahma* (God). One should do the work which he knows otherwise problem will arise.

So, my disciple replied that one should do the work which suits him according to his calibre. He said, "I, the brick kiln owner so I only know how to make bricks so you can discuss with me regarding bricks only but I can't comment on spiritualism, that not being my area of specialisation. He added that if you want more discussion on the spiritualism then I can ask my *Guru Maharaj* to come again".

Here, truly one should take up the task according to one's calibre and worth. No learned considers Jha to be an expert in the matter of spiritualism, Sanskrit or eternal knowledge of *Vedas*. So how could he dare to write such a false book about consumption of beef.

So, it was a matter of shock not only for me but for millions of Hindus which has left them heart broken on reading about Mr. D. N. Jha's book named, "The Myth of the holy Cow" extract of which was read by me in book 'No beef in *Vedas*' published by "Brahmasha India Vedic Research Foundation", C2A/58, Janak Puri, New Delhi, 110058.

Cow's subject is a sensitive and emotional matter because it relates to the sentiments of all Hindus living in India as well as inhabiting several parts of the world. It also relates to the eternal knowledge of the *Vedas* wherein God in ***Yajurveda Mantra 28/6*** has equated the sacred cow to our mother who

gives us birth. Perhaps Mr. D.N. Jha who has promoted consumption of beef does not know that slaughter of cow is like the consumption of our own mother's flesh and blood resulting in unlimited sins.

Despite being Hindu, he has deliberately allied with those societies involved in consumption of beef. It seems as if it was his deliberate attempt to appease these societies. Mr. Jha has stated a dangerous lie that *Vedas*, Valmiki Ramayan and Mahabharat endorse beef eating. It is also clear that he does not know Sanskrit and divine meaning of *Vedas*, *Vedas* being eternal, divine knowledge direct from God.

Valmiki Ramayan and Mahabharat have been written by Mantradrishta *Rishis* who could never even think about consumption of any kind of non-vegetarian food then what to talk about holy Cow.

However, original Mahabharata contains only ten thousand *shlokas*, where as nowadays, a large number of false *shlokas* have been added. So is the case of Valmiki Ramayan, Manusmriti etc. The difference can only be known by a philosopher of *Vedas* and *Ashtang Yoga*. So, everybody is not authorised to preach or write comments on such ancient holy books or on *Vedas*.

Vedas as well as scriptures written by *Rishis* totally prohibit intake of non-vegetarian food and all kinds of addictions.

So, first of all it is requested that public, editors or intellectuals must be aware of the said fact, that is, if views on any article, subject, like the book written by Mr. D. N. Jha, named - 'The Myth of the Holy Cow', are given by anyone then his views should only be considered true if they tally with the eternal knowledge of *Vedas* which emanate direct from God in the beginning of the creation and also with ancient and present *Rishis-Munis*, learned of *Vedas* who follow the path of *Vedas* and do hard practice of *Ashtang Yoga*. This fact was also realised by the ancient *Rishis* and therefore *Rishi* Patanjali quoted his similar views in his Yog Shastra Sutra 1/7 that

"PARATYAKSHAANUMAANAAGAMAHA PRAMAANNANI" i.e., Aagam (*Vedas*) and views of *Rishis* are the self-proof.

This is a fact which has been briefed ahead by quoting *Rigveda Mantras* that knowledge of four *Vedas* emanates direct from God at the beginning of the earth. But details can not be given here being a lengthy subject. However, in case of any doubt, the same can be sent on my web site. That is why, *Vedas* being the eternal voice of Almighty God are considered self-proof to realise truth.

Otherwise, anybody can say anything against or in favour of God/Cow etc. But the question arises whether their views against or in favour of God or Cow etc., tally with *Vedas* or not. Whole world undoubtedly accepts this truth that God creates the universe. There are two types of matters seen- Non-alive and Alive. Non-alive matters are sun, moon, air, living being's bodies, earth i.e., all matters of universe, whereas alive matters are living beings (souls). Secondly, God is lord of universe. In this connection, ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/129/7** states that God creates, nurses and destroys the universe being its lord. That is why, ***SamVeda Mantra* 99** states (AGNE) Oh! God (EESHANAHA) you are lord of (GOMATAHA) cows and (VAJASYA) food grains etc., i.e., God is lord of cows and food grains and other assets as well.

A deep consideration of said *Mantras* would sure reveal that in this world, nobody would like to destroy his own assets except if he is characterless or mad.

So how Almighty, omnipresent, omniscient and creator of the universe, God would like to destroy His assets in the shape of cows, horses or any human/living being. In ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/27/6** God inflicts strict punishment on those who kill the animals and consume their flesh and blood. So whole world should understand, that Lord of universe would punish the culprits who destroy His assets in the form of animals etc.

It shall not be out of place to mention that in our country traitors like Jaichand have been active time and again. Such traitors have several times shaken hands and allied with the enemies of their country. Greed is also a hidden foe. I mean

to say that duly influenced by greed (to appease the outsiders who take beef) Mr. D. N. Jha could have written his book named - "The myth of the holy cow" published by Verso Books, London in 2002, quoting the reference of *Rigveda Mantra* also wrongly interpreted by him. In this regard, following *Ved Mantras* are to be considered to find out as to who is competent to interpret the *Ved Mantras:-*

***YajurVeda Mantra* 40/10** which states that "ITI SHUSHRUMA DHEERANNAM YE NASTADVICHACHAKSHIRE"

(DHEERANNAM) the preach of learned of *Vedas*/Yogi (SHUSHRUMAHA) have been listening i.e., we have been listening to the preach of learned of *Vedas* and *Yoga* Philosophy. (YE) who (VICHACHAKSHIRE NAHA) made us understand with details (TAT) about truth and falsehood.
"DHEERANNAM SHUSHRUMAHA" i.e., we have been listening to the preach of learned yogi.

Meaning of *Dheerannam* (perfect in meditation) is he who has studied *Vedas* and did practice of *Ashtang Yoga* Philosophy and thus has merged his mind/intellect in God. Please note that *Ashtang Yoga* philosophy contains eight parts. *Ashtang Yoga* Philosophy as mentioned in *YajurVeda Mantra* 7/4 and Patanjali Yog Darshan Sutra 2/29 i.e., Yam, Niyam, Asan, Prannayam, Pratyahar, Dharnna, Dhyan (meditation), Samadhi.

Yam
i) *Satya* (truthfulness) – to adopt and practise truth in mind, in speech and through deeds.
ii) *Ahinsa* (non-violence)- to leave violence, at all times, in all places and to all living beings. So how a person would even think to kill or to harm, cow or any living being.
iii) *Asteya* (abstaining from theft)
iv) *Brahamcharya* (celibacy)
v) *Aprigrah* (not to store the articles more than requirement, self-abnegation)

Niyam
i) *shauch* (cleanliness),
ii) *santosh* (contentment),

iv) *Swadhyaya* (study of *Vedas* and holy *granths*, name-*jaap* of God as per *Vedas*)
v) *Ishwar prannidhanani* (complete faith in God and dedication of all pious deeds to Him i.e, to perform deeds without deserving the result)

Now, a deep consideration would reveal that an aspirant when gets perfection in *Yam* and *Niyam* which includes *Ahinsa* (non-violence) as quoted above, then only he becomes able to learn and practise *asan*, after that *prannayam*, *pratyahar*, *dharnna*, *dhyan* (meditation) and *samadhi*. It means after getting perfection in six parts up to *dharnna* then the aspirant enters into *dhyan* i.e., meditation and *Samadhi*.

To avoid lengthy description regarding all eight parts of *Ashtang Yoga* I would only like to state that the above *Yajurveda Mantra* 40/10 states that the aspirant/ *yogi* who has got perfection after long practice on first six parts and has entered in *dhyan* (meditation) and thus has realised God, he is only empowered to preach or to write comments on immortal knowledge of four *Vedas* which emanate direct from God. Secondly, it must be cleared again that such *yogi* has control on his senses and he forever remains away from violence. So whole world must condemn the book of Mr. D.N. Jha - "The Myth of holy cow", in which he has commented on God's pure *Ved-Mantras* by false interpretations condemning non-violence and inspiring consumption of beef.

Keeping in view the above *Ved Mantras* and *Ashtang Yoga* philosophy, it is very clear that Mr. Jha is neither a *Yogi* nor a learned of *Vedas* as he has no control on his senses. Tongue is one of five senses and Mansmriti states that without violence of animals the tongue can not get the taste of flesh.

In *Vedas* and in Indian culture there is no excuse for sins i.e., the result of sins in the shape of sorrows, tensions, problems, early death, diseases etc., will sure have to be borne. There may be excuses in other religions, but in *Vedas* there is no excuse. So we must respect all the religion as well as ours too. It is shameful for Mr. Jha that being Indian he has insulted mother cow.

So Mr. D. N. Jha is not aware of such fundamental laws of *Vedas* also and has committed a grave sin by writing and supporting consumption of beef. Thus Indian blood in the shape of Mr. D. N. Jha is condemning Indian culture and is promoting violence.

Learned person would be laughing on such drama of Mr. Jha that why he also tries to project himself as *Rishi-Muni* by commenting on *Ved-mantras* and writing such a false book.

As per *Atharvaveda Mantra* 12/5/40 he has stolen the *Ved Mantras* from *Vedas* on the matter of pious cow and then tried to mislead public by false interpretation of *Mantras*.

Now problem is also this that public is not aware of the knowledge of *Vedas*. Public is innocent and accepts all the false views also of any preacher, thinking that he is a great writer or *Tapasvi*, *Rishi*, *Muni* etc. We must try to educate the public with the knowledge of *Vedas.* If people know about *Vedas,* then there will not be any problem and the public itself be able to teach lesson to so called false writers/ preachers. I think that Mr. Jha has not learnt all four *Vedas* under guidance of an *Acharya* and practising of *Yam*, *Niyam*, *Asan* etc., as mentioned above, otherwise he could well have known thousands of *Mantras* opposing his view of eating beef. For-example, there is a prayer in ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 6/140/1** that Oh! God may our teeth like the teeth of the wolf not take flesh (details of *Mantra* have been mentioned earlier).

***AtharvaVeda Mantra* 7/2/1**
"ATHARVANNAM IMAM YAHA MANSA CHIKET NAHA PRAVOCHAHA"

(ATHARVANNAM) the *Rishi* who has merged his mind/ intellect within God and has thus become firm in understanding truth. (YAHA) and the*Rishi* (CHIKET) knows the truth (MANSA) by deep consideration/study of *Vedas* (NAHA PRAVOCHAHA) he must preach us about the truth/God.

Thus the *Rishi* who knows the Almighty God by studying *Vedas* as well as by attaining Asampragyat Samadhi, he only should preach *Vedas* to us. So Mr. D.N. Jha is not authorised to comment on *Ved-Mantras* as he is not a *Rishi*.

To justify that Almighty God created cows first in the non-sexual creation, we will have to study ***Rigveda* mandal 10, *Sukta* 129** and *Aiteryopnishad* simultaneously. The process of creation, nursing, destruction and again creation is eternal/everlasting (Refer *AtharvaVeda* 20/91/4).

"TASMADYAJATSARVAHUTAHA SAMBHRITAM PRISHADAAJYAM
PASHOONSTAANSHCHAKRE VAAYAVYAANAARANNYA GRAMYASHCH YE."
(*Yajurveda Mantra* 31/6)

The *Mantra* states:
(TASMAT) from the above quoted here 'TASMAT' word is a pronoun used for Almighty God related to *YajurVeda*'s previous *Mantra* 31/1 wherein it is stated that God is omnipresent etc., (SARVAHUTAHA) to be accepted by all human-beings (YAJJAT) adorable God (PRISHADAAJYAM) curd etc., matters (SAMBHRITAM) created and (GRAMYAHA) animals like cows etc., who live in villages (AARANNYAHA) lions, tiger etc., who live in *aranayaha* i.e., forest (CHA) and (TAAN) those (PASHOON) animals (VAAYAVYAAN) having the qualities of air (CHAKRE) God creates.

So we must worship the God who creates the said living beings etc., and must obey His preach of *Vedas* where He also states not to consume non-vegetarian food.

Idea: In the *Mantra*, at the first instance it is stated that Almighty God while creating the universe, first of all, created curd. However, curd was not created first. Actually means of producing curd i.e., the means in the form of cows, goats etc., were created first. For which the *Mantra* further states (GRAMYAHA) i.e., God creates animals like cows etc., which live in villages. So, the first creation of the Almighty God amongst the living beings is holy cow.

Let us determine the definition of a learned person and an unwise person from *Vedas* and Manusmriti.

"CHATVARI VAAK PARIMITA PADAANI TAANI VIDUR-BRAHMANNA YE MANEESHINNAHA.
GUHA TREENNI NIHITA NENGYANTI TUREEYAM VAACHO MANUSHYA VADANTI."
(*Rigveda Mantra* 1/164/45)

***Rigveda Mantra* 1/164/45** states (YE) those (MANISHINNAHA) learned of *Vedas* who have control over their senses, perceptions and mind, (BRAHMANNAHA) who know *shabda Brahma* i.e., who know *Vedas* , its grammar and concerned holy books and God and know (CHATVARI) four subject matters regarding Sanskrit grammar, i.e., *Naam* [noun], *AKHYAT* (verb), *Upsarg* (unchangeable words which are used before noun), *Nipaat* (prefix).
(*VAAK*) of voice i.e., *Ved Mantras* (PADAANI) which are pad i.e., words of *Ved Mantras* which are to be known (TAANI) those *Mantras* (VIDUHU) know. Further this *Mantra* states that on the other hand (MANUSHYAHA) those who are simple persons- men/women, (TE VADANTI) they speak only (TUREEYAM) fourth part of the (VACHAHA) *Ved Mantras*.

Idea: He is the real learned of *Vedas* who has studied *Vedas* with Sanskrit grammar, words of *Ved Mantras* with knowledge of noun, verb etc., and by virtue of practising preach of *Vedas* in his life, he has controlled his senses, perceptions and mind to keep himself away from falsehood, illusion, self-praise, greed etc.

The simple man who is not a learned, he does not know *Naam*, *Akhyaat*, *Upsarg* and *Nipaat*, but speaks only the fourth part i.e., ordinary language.

***AtharvaVeda Mantra* 12/5/40 - "ASVAGATA PARIHUNNATA."**

***AtharvaVeda Mantra* 12/5/41 - "AGNIHI KRAVYAAD BHOOTVA BRAHMAGAVI BRAHMAJYAM PRAVISHYAATTI."**

That if such people try to speak the *Ved Mantras* (PARIHANNUTA) by stealing their small portion and interpret its meaning based on bookish knowledge which is against the *Vedas* then (AVAASVAGATA) such ignorant lose their wealth and become poor. (BRAHMAGAVI) *Vedas* (BHOOTVA) becoming (AGNIHI) like fire which burns to ashes (KRAVYAT) meat eater (ATTI) eats them away.

Similarly idea of *Rigveda Mantra* 5/54/6 is that those people are disdained/cursed who steal the idea of knowledge of *Vedas* and good qualities. Here the meaning of steal is that those people who do not learn *Vedas* traditionally from an Acharya who is learned of *Vedas* and *Yoga* philosophy traditionally and has divine qualities as stated above.

That is why in **Manusmriti *Shloka* 2/114**, the knowledge of four *Vedas* (in symbolic manner) once came to a learned Acharya of *Vedas* and told (TE SHAVEDHIHI ASMI) I am your treasure (MAAM RAKSH) so protect me. Learned asked how could he protect the knowledge? Then knowledge told (MA DAHA) do not give them (MAAM ASUYA KAYE) who ignore me and who condemn me. Idea is that *Vedas* knowledge should not be preached to an undeserving person who is not true aspirant and does not try to control his senses, perceptions and mind and thus is liar, greedy, etc.

The study of above *Mantras* reveals that Mr. D. N. Jha is not a real learned of *Vedas* but ignorant as stated in above *Mantras*. He might have, from somewhere listened *Ved Mantras* and its meaning from some other foolish person who were also not learned of *Vedas* as per above *Ved Mantras* and as stated by Kapil *Muni* in his **Sankhya Shastra Sutra 3/79**.

That such people are promoting falsehood and spreading tradition of blind faith in the public. Sutra says: the alive learned of *Vedas* who has realised God preaches based on his experience whatever he has gained after studying *Vedas*, doing hard practice of *Ashtang Yoga* and thus realisation of God.

The *Rishi* in next sutra 3/80 states: **"SHRUTISHCH."** Not only I am telling the said fact but "SHRUTISHCH" i.e., *Vedas*

also tell the same that a learned of *Vedas* who has attained salvation as stated above is required to give the preach or to write books etc.

Rishi further states in the next sutra 3/81: **"ITRATHANDH-PARAMPARA."** (ITRATHA) otherwise (ANDHPARAMPARA) the tradition of blind faith will begin and spread in public.

So not only Indians but I appeal, the whole world (humanity) must be afraid of the falsehood Mr .D. N. Jha propagated by him in his book "The Myth of Holy Cow", wherein he has promoted consumption of beef, which is totally irrelevant, false and against the immortal God's voice of four *Vedas*. He has thus broken millions of hearts of Hindus all over the world to fulfil his selfishness. *Vedas* already state such person to be grave sinner as per ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 12/5/40 & 41.**

Learned are of the view that if an ignorant or unwise person with an attire of a learned person is arranged to be seated amongst learned of *Vedas* and *Yoga* Philosophy, then he will be deemed as a wise, prudent man according to his physical appearance. However, this misconception shall prevail only until he opens his mouth to speak or if he writes something. Through his speech or writings, he immediately shall be exposed as an ignorant, unwise person with little knowledge of *Vedas* which is called as dangerous knowledge in *Vedas*. That is why Manusmriti states symbolically that *Vedas* are scared of those who do not possess complete knowledge of the *Vedas*. In this connection I remember a true historical narration in respect of learned Kalidasji.

There was a wise lady named Tilotma who had studied four *Vedas* completely. She had a desire to marry only a learned who could defeat her in discussion of *Vedas*. Several learned persons did discussion but in vain. A group of some learned became annoyed with her and decided to marry her to a foolish man. They were searching such person.

Once they saw a man who was cutting the same branch of a tree on which he was sitting. They thought he was the suitable foolish man to marry to her. They dressed him in the attire of a learned person and brought him before learned Ti-

lotma. They made Tilotma to agree that learned of *Vedas* would not speak but will answer her in signs. She agreed. The discussion started and by hook or crook, the learned persons declared Kalidas victorious. Tilotma was made to marry Kalidas. When she brought her husband thinking that he was learned of *Vedas*, to her home, then suddenly Kalidas saw a herd of camels passing by and Kalidas shouted for first time, pronouncing "camel" as "Ustra-Ustra". Tilotma was greatly surprised after listening to the wrong pronunciation of camel in Sanskrit because the correct pronunciation is "Ushtra". She was a learned lady and immediately came to know that Kalidas is a foolish man.

So, if Mr. D. N. Jha had been the learned of *Vedas* according to above two *Ved Mantras*, how could he dare to write against the pious cow?

It is strange that Indian blood is opposing the eternal knowledge of *Vedas* and using the same to promote consumption of beef.

I heard a story (God knows about its being true) but really the story projects heartfelt, emotional truth. It is the story about Laila and Majnu. Majnu was arrested when he did not stop loving Laila. He was made to wander in the streets and subjected to stone-pelting by the public. Everybody was throwing stones on him and he was hurt badly. However, Majnu was so involved in his love that he was oblivious to the pain given by stone-pelting. Suddenly, Majnu cried with pain when he saw that a flower had hit him and had given him acute pain. Majnu asked who had hit him with a flower. He saw that Laila had hit him. Majnu said that real pain is observed when our own near-dear whom we love, strike us.

So is the case of Mr. D. N. Jha being Indian, he is insulting the Indian culture by writing his above quoted, unauthentic book which is promoting consumption of beef. European people that are consuming beef are doing so according to their own culture which can't be objected. These people can only be requested not to slaughter the cows. But Mr. D. N. Jha, being an Indian is striking at the roots of Indian culture which is a matter of sorrow and great concern for Indians.

I have met several Tapasvis of Haridwar, Rishikesh (India) who do not even know slightly about *Vedas*, Mahabharat and Valmiki Ramayan but they never think about such violence to cow.

In this connection, I want to share, one of the true happenings with all the brothers and sisters of India. It is an incident about thirty years ago. I was sitting at the pious feet of my spiritual Acharya - Baba Bankhandiji *Maharaj*. Location was Bhootnath Gufa (cave) situated in dense jungle of Rishikesh. In the day light, usually travellers/tourists used to come to the site to meet the *Tapasvis*. Once some foreigners visited our Bhootnath *Gufa* and met with my *Guru*ji. They had a translator with them. They asked Babaji to preach them *Yoga* philosophy. My *Guru*ji answered that since you kill the sacred cow and consume beef so I will not teach you. The foreigners answered that they would leave the consumption of beef from that time and requested him to preach them. Again my *Guru Maharaj* replied that they should first of all stop consumption of beef continuously for five years and then come to him. If they would not take beef during those five years then sure he would teach them.

Hence, there is a great difference between what ordinary man and a *Tapasvi* speaks. My *Guru Maharaj* never preached me *Vedas*, and, I am sure he also did not study *Vedas* but he was a great philosopher of *Ashtang Yoga* and only studied *Yog Shastra* and Bhagwad Geeta.

So a natural mercy remains in the blood of Indians, with the result, they avoid beef etc. But intention of Mr. D. N. Jha is not understood. Moreover, he is not a learned of *Vedas* and *Ashtang Yoga* philosophy yet he has written such a false book completely against the eternal knowledge of *Vedas* wherein he has promoted consumption of beef.

NOW I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON FALSE INTERPRETATION OF *VED MANTRAS* AS GIVEN IN MR D. N. JHA's BOOK.

DESCRIPTION OF SUKTA 162 AND 163 OF Rigveda MANDAL 1 GIVEN BY MR. D. N. JHA REGARDING COW IS AGAINST THE VEDAS.

Let us first consider the ***Sukta* 162 of *Rigveda* mandal 1:** *Rishi* of this *Sukta* is DHEERGHAGTMA and *DEVTA* (subject matter) of this *Sukta* is "MITRADI LINGOKTA". ***Mantras* 1 to 11 of *Sukta* 162** do not tell about cow but tell about the learned persons who nurse the horses (*Mantra* 1), earn money by hardworking and through justice (*Mantra* 2), regarding rearing of horses (*Mantra* 3), making of air craft and increasing the number of horses and goats (*Mantra* 4), performance of *Yajyen* (*Mantra* 5), good rearing of horses (*Mantra* 6), to be a learned scientist (*Mantra* 7), good rearing of horses (*Mantra* 8,9), knowledge to take vegetarian food and green vegetables for maintaining good health (*Mantra* 10), the warriors must be trained to use the weapons efficiently in the war so as to kill the enemies (*Mantra* 11). All eleven *Mantras* pertain to a learned person who does the above pious deeds mentioned in the *Mantras* to gain a long, happy, healthy life.

So the *Mantras* inspire that those learned men who do pious deeds mentioned in the said *Mantras*, gain happiness.
Mantra 12 states only about taking vegetarian food. It is not possible to obtain the divine meaning of eternal knowledge of *Vedas*, which emanate direct from formless, Almighty God at the beginning of the earth, due to lack of knowledge of Sanskrit and in the absence of study of *Vedas* from a learned Acharya. The divine meaning of *Rishi* is "MANTRADRISHTA" i.e., he who knows the divine meaning of each word of *Ved Mantras*. For example- In the above said *Mantra* 12, a word "MAANSA" has been used. The meaning of 'MAANSA' stated in **Shathpath Brahmin 8/5/2/14** is 'food grains'. So, the word 'MAANSA' used in the above *Mantra* 12 means "vegetarian food".

The meaning of this mantra is as follows:
(YE) Those (PAKVAM) well-prepared/cooked (VAAJINAM) meal consisting of several kinds of pure, vegetarian cereals (PARIPASHYANTI) see and (YE) those who (AAHUHU) say about (EEM) boiled water (CHA) and (YE) those who (ARVATAHA) human-beings (MAANSA BHIKSHAAM) i.e., if the pure food

grains, vegetarian food is not obtained then (UTO) by means of discussion (UPAASATE) they get. May their (ABHIGOORTI) efforts and (SURABHIHI) fragrance (INVATU) be achieved (NAHA) by us.

All four *Vedas* tell to consume pure vegetarian food like cereals, rice, milk especially that of cow, fruits, curd, leafy vegetables etc. Again the *Vedas* tell that the said vegetarian food must be fresh and pure. Pure means free of bacteria and microbes. So the fruits and vegetables should be cleaned and washed properly. Again *Vedas* tell that the food must be cooked well and the water must be boiled because such well-prepared food is free of germs.

So idea of the *Mantra* is that those learned men/women who know Vedic knowledge and prepare the food well by cooking and know to take boiled and cooled water and never take non-vegetarian food, they are hard-working people and always enjoy long, happy, healthy life.

Mantra 13 also prohibits consumption of non-vegetarian food. Its meaning is as under:

(YAT) Those who (NEEKSHANNAM) continuously and carefully watch and feel giddy on looking at (UKHAYAHA) the cooking utensil (MAANSAPACHANYAHA) in which flesh is cooked and (YA) those who (ANGKAHA) know the good signs of (AASECHANANI) the best base of the (PATRANNI) the utensils. (YUSHANNAHA) to store juice/extract (USHMANNYA) hot, best edibles (CHARUNNAM) the utensils wherein cereals, food grains are cooked such as pan etc., and knows (APIDHANAHA) the lids to cover the said utensils and also (PARIBHOOSHANTI) decorate (ASHWAM) the horses etc., they always (SOONAHA) are inspired to every task well.

Idea of the mantra: Those who use the cooking utensils which are never used for cooking flesh, they are learned in art of cooking. They use the said utensils to store water, cook vegetables and they know always to cover the utensils to avoid diseases.

Further, those who train and decorate the horses well and use the horse for riding, as animal of burden etc., they achieve happiness. So this *Mantra* also prohibits consumption of non-vegetarian food.

Next *Mantra* 14 states that when a trainer of horse trains the horse well and thus the horse acquires good gait etc. Similarly, when people are trained according to *Vedas*' and thus they follow the true path, then they become civilised and learned as well. In addition, a horse eats grass and drinks water and digests the food well. Similarly the persons with sharp intellect through good education take nutritive, vegetarian food, digest it well and thus become happy.

So in *Mantra* 14 also, there is no mention to consume non-vegetarian food. In *Mantra* 15 also, there is no mention about non-vegetarian food.

The idea of *Mantra* 15 is that the learned of science educates the people about fire, chariot to be drawn by horses (Nowadays vehicles driven by horse-power engines are used.) and those who offer fragrant materials in pious fire along with ghee, samagri etc., they do not suffer diseases and pain etc.

Idea of *Mantra* 16 is that those learned persons who know about the use of electricity and fire, they enjoy long, happy life.

The idea of *Mantra* 17 is that a learned, experienced trainer/rider controls the force of horse by a whip, a bullock is controlled by a stick, an elephant by iron hook and are made to run fast. Similarly the engine of aeroplanes and other vehicles must be controlled and made to run fast. So there is no mention about non-vegetarian food in this *Mantra*.

Idea of *Mantra* 18 is that the reason to generate electricity is available in every matter of the earth because the electricity is omnipresent. Electricity must be used in electric apparatus.

Human beings must know the qualities of fire and electricity to exploit it for their benefit.

The idea of *Mantra* 19 is that one must know about the quality of electricity and fire to be used in several matters and to control the electricity.

Similarly one must know about the human-body to use it in the different seasons. One should also know use of the woods to ignite fire for its best use in engineering etc.

Idea of the *Mantra* 20 is that if a person desires that he must not feel the pain, sorrows etc., or that he may not be struck by electric lightening, electric shocks, fire, he must be always away from any kind of diseases (mental and physical) and sorrows, then he should do worship of God and practice of *Ashtang Yoga* Philosophy.

The idea of *Mantra* 21 is that a Yogi when indulges his intellect and mind in the Almighty God by means of practising *Ashtang Yoga* Philosophy and follows the eternal religious path, he attains salvation.

The idea of *Mantra* 22 is that he who knows the electricity/fire from the knowledge of earth, Sun, air, etc., and rears cows, horses along with his children and members of family, he who earns wealth through hardworking, he attains happy life. Also, all the persons must be pious and free of sins and must attain ill free, happy life. They must know the power and qualities of electricity/fire like the power of horse. Here God preaches that in the beginning people know about the power and qualities of horse which is exploited by them in their daily lives like in chariot – driving etc. Similarly, power and qualities of electricity must be known keeping in mind the horse-power and thus exploiting the same to run machines, factories etc. Thus they make their family, society and nation strong.

Hence, in all these *Mantras*, there is no mention regarding consumption of beef.

Conclusion of the *Sukta* 162:

In this *Sukta* mostly the God has preached that the human-being must know the power of horse and thereafter the method of producing electricity which is omnipresent in earth, sun, moon, air etc., to make the best use of the same in daily

life, by making several appliances and machines, such as, vehicles, electric appliances etc.

Now let us consider *Sukta* 163, *Rigveda* mandal 1:
Rishi of *Sukta* 163 is DEERGHATMA and *DEVTA* (Subject matter) of the *Sukta* 163 are "ASHWAHA" and "AGNI".

Idea of *Mantra* 1 of this *Sukta* is that those who observe Brahamcharya (celibacy) and learn all the Vedic education carefully, they become enlightened like the Sun, active /swift like a hawk and are praised being intoxicated with
divine merriment and jumping like a deer. That is their whole life becomes full of joy.

Idea of *Mantra* 2 is that people who attain the knowledge under guidance of learned of *Vedas* and know the qualities of fire /electricity to be used in engineering skills and also know the electric energy produced by sun along with its utilization, they obliterate their poverty.

Idea of *Mantra* 3 is that human-beings must know about the sun rising in the sky. They should know about electricity/fire present everywhere in earth, space and sun.

The idea of*Mantra* 4 is that the fire/electricity has its three forms-reason/cause, minutest, physical form. Similarly air, water, earth and all other created matters have their three forms.

Idea of *Mantra* 5 is those persons who know, in order, the reason as well as combination of all created worldly matters, they are the best scientist i.e., learned of all matters.

Idea of *Mantra* 6 is that those who know self and other souls residing in bodies and know the reason/cause of the matters, those who make the aeroplanes, using the electricity and other matters and then fly the aeroplanes to go to distant places, they are scientists/learned.

Idea of *Mantra* 7 is that those who are hard workers and learned they obtain all requisite good things in the life and those who are lazy, remain deprived of the same. Hence, eve-

ryone must be hard working and with their efforts they should know the created matters of the world to use them in best way. Then only they get respected by human-beings.

Meaning of *Mantra* 8 is as under:
Oh! Person (ARVAN) powerful like a horse (ANU) behind (TVA) you (RATHAHA) aeroplanes etc., (ANU) behind you (MARYAHA) Oh! Person, you are having the quality to face the death, then (ANU) behind you (GAAVAHA) there are number of cows and (ANU) behind you (KANINAAM) the learned who desire (BHAGAHA) glory, fame, wealth, health etc., (DEVAHA) learned person (VRAATASAHO) who are famous to follow eternal true path, they (TE VEERYAM ANU MAMIRE) establish your might/power/heroism by suitability, may those learned persons (ANU EEYUHU) be met suitably (TAV) to your (SAK-HYAM) friendship.

Idea of the *Mantra* is that like a hard-working person who makes the aeroplanes, the hard working aspirant who make contact with learned teachers to learn scientific matters etc., and aspirants who make friendship with such learned persons, they follow true path.

Idea of the *Mantra* 9 is that there are three types of fire in this world - One is of the form of cause /reason, second which is minutest and is omnipresent in all worldly matters and third is in physical form like sun etc. The learned person who has the knowledge of qualities, deeds and nature of the fire/electricity and makes its best use, they get happy life. The idea of the *Mantra* 10 is that the person who generates the electricity and makes its use to fly the aeroplanes etc., he earns lot of wealth. One should make the best use of air, fire and water.

The idea of *Mantra* 11 is that he who produces electricity, the flow of which is like a mind and who has made aeroplanes and other vehicles etc., they travel throughout the world by aero-planes and enjoy happy life.

The idea of *Mantra* 12 is that without the action of pulling or striking in the engineering matters, the perfection to use the fire and other matters is not obtained.

The idea of *Mantra* 13 is that those person who have taken the Vedic education from parents and learned Acharya and have made friendship and contact with learned Acharya, they give the pleasure to others and get the divine pleasure themselves.

Conclusion

In this *Sukta*, the qualities of learned person and fire/electricity have been described and thus there is no mention about consumption of beef.

Perhaps to please anti-religious elements, non-vegetarians and to gain favour /praise and money etc., from all parts of the world, Mr. D. N. Jha has tried to ruin Indian culture especially in the matter of Cow. He gives the reference of pious ***Rigveda Mantra* 5/29/7**, spilling the poison out of his pen in his book- "The myth of the holy cow" that AGNI roasted three hundred buffaloes.

The actual meaning of ***Rigveda Mantra* 5/29/7** is as under: (AGNI) fire and (INDRAHA) sun (TOOYAM) immediately (ASYA) in this world (TRI) enlightening three *Lokas* (SARAANSI) of ponds/river (PIBAT) drinks (VRITRAHATYAYE) to destroy the clouds (SUTAM) showering (SOMAM) glory (APACHAT) digest.

Meaning: There are three *Lokas*- Prithvilok (Earth), Antarikshalok(Space), Dyulok (Heavenly bodies emitting light) which are enlightened by the sun, fire and electricity in space. The sun drinks the water of ponds/rivers i.e., rays of sun evaporate the water present in ponds, rivers etc., and carry it to the sky.

And to destroy the clouds digest the glory, pleasure of showering i.e., first of all the sun makes the clouds to shower the rain resulting in destruction of clouds. And again the sun drinks of water of rivers as quoted above.

The *Mantra* further states that similarly (SAKHA) friend (KRATVA) by his pious deeds (SAKHYE) for his friend (SAKAM) along with (MANUSHAHA) of human-beings' (MAHISHA) buffaloes/other big animals protect (TRI SHATAANI) hundreds of.

Meaning: Similarly a friend by doing pious deed for his friend and other human-beings protects hundreds of big animals.

Idea: The sun by its rays, making the clouds to shower rain and by several other qualities, enlightens and protects the three *Lokas*. Similarly, a friend must protect his friends, human-beings and hundreds of big animals. So in this *Mantra*, there is no mention about roasting three hundred buffaloes in fire.

How, such poisonous comments on pious *Rigveda* have been offered by Mr. D. N. Jha is not known. Mr. Jha is even not aware of the fact that all four *Vedas*, do not contain any story, reference of any proper noun of human-being etc.

For example, if fire breaks out in jungle and there is a herd of buffaloes then how the counting i.e., three hundred which Mr. Jha counted, can be done or if done then such burning is in a shape of story /event of past whereas such stories are not written in *Vedas*. *Vedas* give fundamental knowledge on three education i.e., science (description of matters), deeds (description of pious, bad deeds) and the real worship of God including the medical science etc.

Again Mr. D. N. Jha has spilled poison through his pen on the pious eternal ***Rigveda Mantra* 6/17/11**- stating that Indra ate flesh of hundred buffaloes.

Such false statements can be generated in an unbalanced mind of a person who has no faith in truth. That is on one side, he accepts God and says Indra is a king of *Swarga* and king of *Devtas* (please note *Swarg*, *Narak* are not in heaven/hell but imply facing result of good or bad deeds on earth itself in the shape of divine happiness and sorrows respectively vide ***Atharvaveda Mantra* 6/120/3** and ***Yajurveda Mantra* 7/48**). Indra is learned of *Vedas* and never takes non-vegetarian food or any kind of addiction then how can Indra consume flesh. If a person wants to tell lie then even he must be careful for the same. I mean to say, can Indra alone consume flesh of hundred buffaloes? Was he a man or devil? Even a devil cannot take the same alone. However,

the meaning of Indra in the above ***Rigveda Mantra* 6/17/11** is a king.

Devta (subject matter) of the entire *Rigveda* mandal 6 is "Indra" but not the Indra who is king of *Swarg* etc., and a king on the earth if evil-minded and becomes non-vegetarian person then also he shall not be able consume flesh of hundred buffaloes at one time.

The idea of the *Mantra* is just as the public who serves the king and makes the kingdom to flourish by paying taxes to the king etc. Then it is also the duty of king /administrator to look after the public well to make them progressive in lives both in science, education, justice etc., as well as in spiritualism.

Further Mr. Jha baselessly interprets on his own the ***Rigveda Mantra* 8/19/5** that "A Devout offering of praise or of a fuel stick or of cooked was as good as a more, solemn sacrifice". Actually, his venomous interpretation is beyond what learned comprehend. Here a learned is forced to think that under whose pressure a person like Mr. D. N. Jha, who I am sure, has not learnt Pannini *Muni*'s *Ashtadhyayee*, *Mahabhashya*, *Varnnochcharann Shiksha*, ancient *Rishis*' holy books like *Shatpath Brahmin*, *Nighantu*, *Nirukta* etc., made up his mind to write this false comments on the pious *Ved Mantras* which emanate direct from God. He is totally ignorant of the essence of *Ved Mantras* otherwise he could not have committed such an enormous mistake.

He has used word "Sacrifice" in the above *Mantra* whereas the word "Sacrifice" is not even distantly related with the *Mantra*. *Mantra* says- (YAHA MARTAHA) Those persons (DADASH) who offer (SAMIDHA) twigs of mango tree etc (AGNAYE) for the burning fire of *havankund* i.e., the *Mantra* educates the persons to do *Agnihotra/havan/Yajyen* and states that one should ignite the fire in *havan* kund and offer the twigs as fuel therein.

Further *Mantra* states (YAHA) who (AAHUTI) put offerings into pious burning fire of *havankund* with *ghee*, *samagri* etc., (VEDEN) through the study of *Vedas* and (SWADHVARAHA) per-

forming *Yajyen* and doing pious deeds (NAMASAHA) takes the vegetarian food (TASYA IT ARVANTAHA) He enjoys a long, happy life with horses and other comforts. Here the meaning of horses is that as *Vedas* also state, horse-power vehicles and aeroplanes etc., must be made for the use and comfort of human-beings.

This mantra contains three types of education to human-beings:

(1) Must do *agnihotra* daily.
(2) Must study eternal knowledge of *Vedas* which emanates direct from God at the time of beginning of every earth.
(3) One must donate to the needy and deserving.

So the *Mantra* has no connection with sacrifice etc. The entire ancient as well as present spiritual *Acharyas* /learned of *Vedas* prove that the *Vedas* are immortal knowledge which emanate direct from the God. In *Vedas*, there is no mention about violence etc. Only kings, administrators have been asked to punish or sentence to death the criminals/culprits to establish peace in the nation. So how Mr. D. N. Jha has compared the offerings of twigs, ghee and other vegetables to the pious burning fire of *havankund /vedi* with the sacrifice? He should accept his sin against the eternal, immortal voice of Almighty God and must study *Vedas* under guidance of learned *Acharya* of *Vedas*,

Mr. Jha venomously cites *Rigveda Mantra* 8/43/11 that India's food is the ox and barren cow.

Devta of this *Sukta* is "Agni". In the above *Mantra* 8/43/11 there is no mention of Indra, Agni word has been used. From "Ag" root word (Dhatu), Agni word originates. Its meaning is Almighty God is always the first and foremost. That is before the creation, God remains first, that is why, He creates the universe. Secondly, like the fire, God is also omnipresent. So the meaning of Agni is also omnipresent God.

Mantra tells (AGNAYE) Oh! God (VIDHEM) we worship You (STOMAIHEE) by several *Ved Mantras*. Oh! God, You are (UKSHANNAYE) just as You nourish sun, moon etc., you also

nourish human-beings by giving them food grains etc., or as your food nourishes us similarly you nourish sun etc. (VASHANNAYE) you also nourish the entire world. (VEDSE) you also create and hold/bear the universe. So in the *Mantra*, it is preached that Almighty God creates and nurses the entire universe therefore he is adorable.

So the interpretation of Mr. D. N. Jha in respect of above pious *Mantra* is condemned.

The views of Mr. D. N. Jha against the pious *Rigveda Mantra* 10/16/4 are gross misinterpretation of *Vedas*. He states that for the disposal of dead, recourse is taken "to burning of a goat which is the share of Agni and to use of flesh of cow to protect body against flame".

Actually ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/16/3** states that the dead body is placed on the pyre and fire is ignited. In this process (CHAKSHUHU SURYAM GACHCHATU) i.e., eyesight merges in sunlight similarly soul goes to space and then again comes to the earth to enter the womb of living beings according to his good and bad deeds.

Further ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/16/4** states that the fire is omnipresent which takes the immortal soul into the sky.

Through the beneficial waves of fire, the soul goes towards the direction where he has to take birth according to his deeds.

The idea of ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/16/7** is this that dead body should be placed carefully on the pyre so that every part of dead body is subjected to burning fire and the burning fire may not be able to throw any part of body away from the pyre.

So the perusal of above *Rigveda Mantra* reveals that *Mantras* have no concern with stated views of Mr. D. N. Jha.

Again Mr D. N. Jha has erred immensely by referring *Rigveda Mantra* 10/27/2 to killing of a bull.

Actual meaning of ***Rigveda Mantra* 10/27/2** is Oh! God bless me so that I may be able to convert the atheists into God-fearing people.

And like a fatal/violent bull who becomes the destroyer of everything that comes before him, I may also be able to destroy all the sins i.e., just like as a fatal bull destroys everything, I, by worship, may destroy all the sins and attain enlightenment.

So the view of Mr. D. N. Jha are unacceptable being unauthentic.

According to Mr. D. N. Jha , Indra is said to have eaten the flesh of bulls as per *Rigveda Mantra* 10/28/3.

Devta of this *Sukta* is Indra.

The meaning of Indra in this *Mantra* is a 'King' or 'soul' and not he Indra who is king of heaven etc.

The idea of the *Mantra* is that whatever suitability and comforts are given to a gentle king by the public, he must enjoy/relish the same within religious limits or when a soul comes in womb of a mother, he is fed well there.

So, why Mr. D. N. Jha has told that Indra eats the flesh of bulls? Actually, he has no right to comment on any religious book of the world if he is not learned of the same.

Mr Jha has cited *Rigveda Mantra* 10/68/3 to state that killing of kine to honour guests seems to have been prevalent from earlier times.

Devta of this *Sukta* is "BRIHASPATI". Meaning of *Brihaspati* in this *Mantra* is Lord of universe i.e., God. Meaning of *atithi* in the *Vedas* is mostly a person who is learned of *Vedas*. The idea of the *Mantra* is that Almighty God originates the knowledge of four *Vedas* in the heart of four *Rishis* in the beginning of the earth.

So the meaning of atithi in this *Mantra* relates to the ancient four *Rishis* of non-sexual creationin whose heart the God generates the knowledge of four *Vedas*. The affect of the *Ved Mantras* is this that they destroy the faults, sins of the person who acquires the knowledge of *Vedas*.

So from where Mr. D. N. Jha brought his meaning stating that sacrifice of kine on the arrival of guests to honour them is practised since early times and why he has taken the meaning of atithi as guest, is not understood.

Mr. D. N. Jha cites *Rigveda Mantra* 10/85/13 referring slaughter of cow on occasion of marriage.

Devta of this ***Mantra* 10/85/13** is "SURYA VIVAHA" So, this *Mantra* relates to marriage. *Mantra* asks as to why the marriage is performed. Though, the marriage is performed for maintaining number of good qualities but in this *Mantra*, it is stated that marriage is performed to obtain sons.

So, how why and under whose influence/pressure Mr. D. N. Jha has stated to slaughter the cow on the pious occasion of marriage is not understood. Mr. D. N. Jha's interpretation of *Rigveda Mantra* 10/86/14 underlines practice of eating beef, which is absolutely wrong according to *Vedas*. *Devta* of this *Sukta* is 'VARUNN' the above *Mantra* relates to the knowledge of celestial bodies/comprising of planets, stars, etc.

So it has no concern with eating beef or any non-vegetarian food.